

Recall the approval vote for potential early project opportunities (May 18 board meeting, Agenda item 13). Reconsider one project for approval, Grant Development Training for Delta-related Non-profits.

Staff and counsel have determined that the early projects approval was not sufficiently noticed. Proper notice includes providing, 10 days in advance of a noticed meeting, a description of projects to be approved, or board actions to be conducted, to provide members of the public sufficient information to determine their interest in attending and making comment on an action item.

Staff therefore recommends that the May 18 vote to approve the attached projects be recalled.

Staff has determined that the Conservancy lacks appropriate authorities within our budget to grant funds, and lacks sufficient time to develop interagency agreements before the end of the fiscal year. Therefore projects 2-4, which were included in the May 18 approval, will not be pursued. The Conservancy would like to continue to pursue project 1 through an Informal Competitive Process and seeks approval by the board to pursue this project.

Staff recommends that the board consider project 1.

	Priority	Project Title	Description	Statutory Objective(s)	Cost	Advantages	Disadvantages	Timeline	Funding Source	Conservancy Role	Partners
1	Immediate, FY 10-11	Grant development training for Delta-related nonprofits	Provide technical assistance via professional grant writing training workshop to nonprofit partners for securing funding for Delta-related projects.	1) Provide technical assistance to local entities. 2) May assist in all statutory objectives depending on project.	\$2,500	This is a goodwill effort to build relationships with nonprofits. This will help us identify nonprofits with an interest in the Delta. Provides opportunities to partner with nonprofits and other agencies to secure funding and will enhance access to funding.	State contract process may prove challenging. Deadlines for developing contract prior to fiscal year end.	Jun-11	DC-General Funds	Provides funding and recruits trainees. Screens and approves partner nonprofits to receive training.	Nonprofit Resource Center provides training and other nonprofits (TBD) receive training.
2	Immediate, FY 10-11	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - Signage	Purchase 5 signs for YBWA (one at headquarter,one at Wildlife Area entrance and three more along tour area).	1) Increase tourism, 2) Promote environmental education.	\$3,700	Establishes partnerships between DC, Yolo Basin Foundation, DFG. Interagency agreement with DFG - fast contracting process. Low cost for project. Assists with visibility of DC in the Delta through sponsor logos on signs.	Lack of competitive process for awarding funds to other nonprofits and local entities.	Jun-11	DC-General Funds	Provides funding and coordinates with partners to complete project.	Yolo Basin Foundation and Calif Department of Fish and Game
3	Immediate, FY 10-11	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - Benches with signage	Benches for Demonstration Wetlands.	1) Increase tourism, 2) Promote environmental education.	\$1,200	Establishes partnerships between DC, Yolo Basin Foundation and DFG. Supports school visitors and major fundraisers (Duck Days, etc). Interagency agreement with DFG - fast contracting process. Low cost project. Assists with visibility of DC in the Delta through sponsor logos on benches.	Lack of competitive process for awarding funds to other nonprofits and local entities.	Jun-11	DC-General Funds	Provides funding and coordinates with partners to complete project.	Yolo Basin Foundation and Calif Department of Fish and Game
4	Immediate, FY 10-11	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - Expand public driving area	Purchase gravel to complete new sections of road in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Options: .84 miles to be graveled in Field 30 (\$18,480) or .64 miles in Field 60 (\$14,080) or both for a total cost of \$32,560	1) Increase tourism, 2) Promote environmental education.	\$14,080 to \$32,560	Establishes partnerships between DC, Yolo Basin Foundation and DFG. Supports school visitors and major fundraisers (Duck Days, etc). Interagency agreement with DFG - fast contracting process. Low cost project. Increased visibility for DC through sponsorship of these types of projects.	Lack of competitive process for awarding funds to other nonprofits and local entities.	Jun-11	DC-General Funds	Provides funding and coordinates with partners to complete project.	Yolo Basin Foundation and Calif Department of Fish and Game